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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to wage its bloody military campaign throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In continuing to pursue its military aggression, Israel has continued to commit systematic human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism against Palestinian people under its occupation. Such violations and grave breaches of international law and international humanitarian law have reached levels unprecedented in decades.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces once again launched a raid against the city of Nablus and two adjacent refugee camps. In the dark, pre-dawn hours of the day, at least 100 Israeli tanks and armoured personnel carriers raided Nablus from four different directions. The occupying forces fired machine guns as they entered the city, while a number of tanks were positioned to seal off any exit from the city. Moreover, several explosions were set off in the Old City of Nablus, as the occupying forces raided several homes and buildings, and the occupying forces also took over an elementary girls' school in the city as their base of operations. It has been reported that, thus far, the occupying forces have abducted and detained at least 35 Palestinians in Nablus. Further, according to comments made by the Israeli army, this most recent raid, assault and reoccupation of Nablus will be a long-lasting operation. This latest military action by the Israeli occupying forces follows the raid just yesterday carried out in Tulkarem and an adjacent refugee camp, in addition to the countless acts of Israeli military aggression that have been perpetrated against the Palestinian people in recent weeks.

During that period of time, the Israeli occupying forces continued to systematically violate the human rights of the Palestinian people by all means and methods. As is apparent from the tragically lengthy annexed list of martyrs, the occupying forces killed Palestinian civilians, including children and women, on an almost daily basis during the past few weeks, as they have perpetually done so for more than two years now. These killings included several extrajudiciary executions.

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In addition, a number of those who died during this time, died from critical wounds sustained in earlier attacks as a result of the persistent use of excessive and disproportionate force by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian civilian population.

At the same time, the Palestinian people continued to be subject to the destruction of their homes, properties and infrastructure by the Israeli occupying forces. Home demolitions continue to be perpetrated by the occupying forces. Moreover, the occupying forces continue to raze roads and to dig trenches in and around several Palestinian cities in an effort to obstruct movement into and out of them and effectively isolate them. In addition, harassment and violent attacks by illegal Israeli settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territory against the Palestinian people have continued unabated. Recently, such settler violence has involved repeated attacks on Palestinian farmers, particularly in Yanun, which is south of Nablus, and the theft of their olive harvests. In addition, in several instances, the settlers have repeatedly prevented Palestinians from reaching their land and harvesting their crops and have burned and damaged their olive trees.

Further, Israel, the occupying Power, continues its military siege with the ongoing imposition of severe restrictions on the movement of persons and goods throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, even during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. These restrictions, including the round-the-clock curfews that continue to be imposed on several cities, have, as repeatedly noted, severely impacted and debilitated the socio-economic situation of the Palestinian population under occupation. Such restrictions continue to hinder the provision of humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people and have only further exacerbated the already dire humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

In follow-up to my previous 143 letters to you regarding this continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 17 October 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/437-S/2000/930, A/55/450-S/2000/957, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015, A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025, A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068, A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078, A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093, A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104, A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107, A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116, A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129, A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154, A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173, A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185, A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206, A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247, A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7, A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33, A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50, A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101, A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131, A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156, A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175, A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189, A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209, A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226, A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239, A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255, A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284, A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295, A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304, A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314, A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332, A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352, A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372, A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418, A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432, A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447, A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463, A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471, A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479, A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486, A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496, A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504, A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508, A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544, A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586, A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605, A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629, A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657, A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669, A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686, A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697, A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708, A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717, A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742, A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754, A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783, A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785, A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798, A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812, A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814, A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821, A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826, A/ES-10/111-

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 13 November 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Friday, 18 October, through Monday, 11 November 2002)

Friday, 18 October 2002

Karam Mohammed Abu Obeid (18 years old)

Monday, 21 October 2002

Sameh Asa'ad Nasser Shneeq

Tuesday, 22 October 2002

1. Moneer Mithkal Ala'an
2. Mohammed Ibrahim Mohammed Al Haymouny (died from wounds sustained last year)

Thursday, 24 October 2002

Ahmed Mahmoud Abu Ja'far (15 years old)

Friday, 25 October 2002

1. Mahmoud Salem Abu Mur (17 years old)
2. Tawfiq Hafez Breekeh (died from wounds sustained on 13 October)

Sunday, 27 October 2002

1. Fuad Ahmed Hassan Abu Ghalyeh (17 years old)
2. Ahmed Jad Allah
3. Ala'a Muflch Abdel Riheem
4. Salem Abdel Qader Al-Sha'aer (14 years old)

Monday, 28 October 2002

Ahmed Majed Ahmed Emais (14 years old)

Tuesday, 29 October 2002

Essam Sidqi Sawafteh

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,920.

Wednesday, 30 October 2002

1. Nawareh Brekeh
2. Khaled Abdel Elaziz

Thursday, 31 October 2002

1. A'yad Baker Mansoor
2. Samir Ziab Abbas
3. Ahmed Talal Al-Dahshan
4. Mohammed Sami Al-Dahdouh

Saturday, 2 November 2002

Sufian Al-Suqi

Monday, 4 November 2002

1. Hassan Khalil Zu'rob (died from wounds sustained on 3 November)
2. Ahmed Mousa Al Sharkawy
3. Yussef Mohammed Alsoofi
4. Marwan Odeh Rabie'
5. Ismail Al-Masri (18 years old)
6. Ahmed Othman
7. Hamed Al-Sader

Tuesday, 5 November 2002

1. Adham Ibrahim Hamdan (16 years old)
2. Iyad Nafez Abu Taha (17 years old)

Friday, 8 November 2002

1. Ahmed Abdel Fatah Ramadan
2. Ramy Sa'eed Balaweneh

Saturday, 9 November 2002

Iyad Ahmed Sawalheh

Monday, 11 November 2002

1. Khaled Misha'al (2-year-old baby)
2. Mohammed Rifa'at Abu El-Naja (8 years old, died from wounds sustained on 17 October)

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The Israeli occupying forces continue to commit additional war crimes in the ongoing bloody military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Yesterday, during the early evening hours (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces, backed by helicopter gunships and tanks, stormed the city of Tulkarem, firing missiles and unleashing heavy gunfire on Palestinian homes and property. During the attack, Israeli occupying forces committed an extrajudiciary execution, killing Tarek Mohammed Al-Zaghal, as well as four innocent Palestinian bystanders, including a 13-year-old boy.

Moreover, on that same day, also in Tulkarem, the Israeli occupying forces shot and killed a 15-year-old boy. These brutal Israeli attacks against the Palestinian inhabitants in Tulkarem resulted not only in the cold-blooded murder of six Palestinian civilians, but also in the injury of at least a dozen more Palestinians. In addition, the occupying forces caused even more damage and destruction to homes and properties in the city.

At the same time, the Israeli occupying forces continue to commit such acts of destruction against Palestinian homes, properties and infrastructure throughout other areas of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The city of Al-Khalil, which has been under round-the-clock curfew since 15 November 2002, has particularly been subject to destruction by the occupying forces in recent days. This has included the demolition of homes, leaving many Palestinian families homeless, and ongoing and escalating Israeli settler violence against and harassment of the Palestinian inhabitants of the city.

The international community cannot continue to stand idly by while the Israeli occupying forces continue to carry out this bloody and brutal military campaign against the Palestinian people under occupation. The international community cannot allow Israel, the occupying Power, to continue to carry out such war crimes,

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State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people under its occupation with impunity. Accordingly, we call on the international community to bring an immediate end to all Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people and bring all the perpetrators of these crimes to justice.

In follow-up to my previous 144 letters to you regarding this continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 13 November 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/437-S/2000/930, A/55/450-S/2000/957, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015, A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025, A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068, A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078, A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093, A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104, A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107, A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116, A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129, A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154, A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173, A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185, A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206, A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247, A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7, A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33, A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50, A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101, A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131, A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156, A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175, A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189, A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209, A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226, A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239, A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255, A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284, A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295, A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304, A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314, A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332, A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352, A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372, A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418, A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432, A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447, A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463, A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471, A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479, A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486, A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496, A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504, A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508, A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544, A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586, A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605, A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629, A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657, A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669, A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686, A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697, A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708, A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717, A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742, A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754, A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783, A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785, A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798, A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812, A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814, A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821, A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826, A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880, A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918, A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928, A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932, A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941, A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971, A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989, A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991, A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007, A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024, A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036, A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084, A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092, A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118, A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149, A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166, A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239, A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261, A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18, A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39, A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48, A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58, A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89, A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95, A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102, A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121, A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142, A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146, A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165, A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175, A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182, A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186, A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214, A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223, A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232, A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242, A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248, A/ES-10/156-S/2002/245, A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253, A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258, A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281, A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307, A/ES-10/161-S/2002/319, A/ES-10/162-S/2002/330, A/ES-10/163-S/2002/340, A/ES-10/164-S/2002/353, A/ES-10/165-S/2002/361, A/ES-10/166-S/2002/370, A/ES-10/167-S/2002/433, A/ES-10/168-S/2002/474, A/ES-10/169-S/2002/495, A/ES-10/173-S/2002/536, A/ES-10/174-S/2002/555, A/ES-10/175-S/2002/610, A/ES-10/176-S/2002/617, A/ES-10/177-S/2002/641, A/ES-10/178-S/2002/650, A/ES-10/179-S/2002/654, A/ES-10/180-S/2002/686, A/ES-10/181-S/2002/697, A/ES-10/182-S/2002/699, A/ES-10/183-S/2002/717, A/ES-10/184-S/2002/738, A/ES-10/185-S/2002/827, A/ES-10/190-S/2002/891, A/ES-10/192-S/2002/976, A/ES-10/193-S/2002/983, A/ES-10/194-S/2002/1052, A/ES-10/195-S/2002/1066, A/ES-10/196-S/2002/1083, A/ES-10/197-

S/2002/1094, A/ES-10/198-S/2002/1104, A/ES-10/199-S/2002/1114, A/ES-10/200-S/2002/1144, A/ES-10/201-S/2002/1166 and A/ES-10/202-S/2002/1244), it is my profound regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 17 Palestinians, including children, have been killed by Israeli occupying forces. This raises the total number of Palestinian martyrs killed since 28 September 2000 to 1,937. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Wednesday, 13 November, through Tuesday, 19 November 2002)

Wednesday, 13 November 2002

Hamed Al-Masri (13 years old) (not included in our letter dated 13 November 2002)

Thursday, 14 November 2002

1. Jalal Mohammed Oweejan (17 years old)
2. Khaled Harb Abu Hilal

Friday, 15 November 2002

Omran Alshileh (16 years old)

Saturday, 16 November 2002

1. Samar Mahmoud Mohamed Shar'ab
2. Mahmoud Abbas Obeid
3. Ibrahim Bassaam Al-Sa'edi (17 years old)

Sunday, 17 November 2002

1. Mousa Radi Al-Mahareek
2. Akram Abdel Mohsen Al-Hunainy
3. Wal'a Hachem Dawo'od Suroor

Monday, 18 November 2002

Mohamed Abdallah Yussef Abdel Ghany

Tuesday, 19 November 2002

1. Ehab Al-Zukleh (13 years old)
2. Tarek Mohammed Al-Zaghal
3. Ziad Masharqi
4. Shaban Budeir
5. Ahmed Jaiosy
6. Amr Qudsi (15 years old)

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September is 1,937.

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On Friday, 22 November, Israel, the occupying Power, committed yet another war crime in its military campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Israeli occupying forces killed a United Nations international civil servant inside a clearly demarcated United Nations compound in the Jenin refugee camp. The slain man was Mr. Iain Hook, a British national, who was recently hired by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to direct the Jenin refugee camp reconstruction project following the destruction wrought by the Israeli occupying forces in April of this year. Mr. Hook was killed by a shot to the back while trying to evacuate employees from the compound, while at the same time making phone contacts with the Israeli authorities to facilitate a safe evacuation.

Initially, Israeli officials denied that Israeli soldiers had shot Mr. Hook, later reverting to the same pattern of distortion and deception, falsely claiming that militants had been firing at the soldiers from inside the compound and also stating that they had fired when soldiers mistook Mr. Hook's cellular phone to be a gun. In addition, as asserted by UNRWA officials, the occupying forces also obstructed emergency help from reaching Mr. Hook, who died prior to his arrival at hospital. Moreover, also on the same day in the Jenin refugee camp, the occupying forces shot and injured an international volunteer, Ms. Caiohme Butterly, an Irish national, and killed an 11-year-old Palestinian boy, Mohammed Musleh Ibrahim Bellalo.

What happened in the Jenin refugee camp reflects a recurrent pattern of criminal actions by the soldiers of the occupying Power, including indiscriminate shooting and excessive use of force against civilians, obstruction of access of medical personnel and humanitarian assistance and wanton destruction. Moreover, it represents yet another instance in which the occupying forces have behaved in a manner showing complete disregard for the immunity of United Nations personnel and facilities by attacking a United Nations facility and harassing, and even killing, United Nations personnel. In fact, it is clear that Israeli soldiers have virtually

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instituted a culture of killing with impunity under generals who are implicated in war crimes against the Palestinian people, including General Shaul Mofaz and General Moshe Ya'alon. In this regard, we reiterate once more our call upon the international community to take serious and concrete measures both to express condemnation of such illegal Israeli policies and practices and to compel Israel to cease them immediately.

At the same time, Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its military campaign of war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people throughout other areas of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Late last week, the Israeli occupying forces again reoccupied the city of Bethlehem. The occupying forces imposed a round-the-clock curfew on the city's inhabitants, obstructed access to the Church of the Nativity and detained dozens of Palestinians. In the city of Nablus, crimes also continue to be committed by the occupying forces, who today killed an 8-year-old Palestinian boy, Jihad Al-Faqeeh, in addition to injuring several others. Moreover, the occupying forces continue to raid other Palestinian cities, towns, villages and refugee camps, including Jenin, Qalqilya, Al-Khalil and the Kalandia refugee camp, abducting and detaining dozens of Palestinians during these raids as well as causing damage and destruction to homes and property.

In follow-up to my previous 145 letters to you regarding this continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 20 November 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/437-S/2000/930, A/55/450-S/2000/957, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015, A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025, A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068, A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078, A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093, A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104, A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107, A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116, A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129, A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154, A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173, A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185, A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206, A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247, A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7, A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33, A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50, A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101, A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131, A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156, A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175, A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189, A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209, A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226, A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239, A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255, A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284, A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295, A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304, A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314, A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332, A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352, A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372, A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418, A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432, A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447, A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463, A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471, A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479, A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486, A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496, A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504, A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508, A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544, A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586, A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605, A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629, A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657, A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669, A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686, A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697, A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708, A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717, A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742, A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754, A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783, A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785, A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798, A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812, A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814, A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821, A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826, A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880, A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918, A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928, A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932, A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941, A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971, A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989, A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991, A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007, A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024, A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036, A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084, A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092, A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118, A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149, A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166, A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239,

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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem[a] (Wednesday, 20 November, to Monday, 25 November 2002)

Wednesday, 20 November 2002

1. Hassan Fathi Eissa
2. Iyad Ziydan
3. Hazem Ahmed Mohammed Taqatqa

Friday, 22 November 2002

1. Shahed Basim Abdellatif Abu Zaytoun (20 days old)
2. Mohammed Muselh Ibrahim Bellalo (11 years old)
3. Fahmi Abu Hussein
4. Abdullah Mansi Qdeih

Saturday, 23 November 2002

Abdullah Arafat Al-Natsheh (15 years old, died from wounds sustained on 20 November)

Sunday, 24 November 2002

Ahmed Ashtiyeh

Monday, 25 November 2002

Jihad Al-Faqeeh (8 years old)

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit both serious violations and grave breaches of international humanitarian law against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Yesterday, Israeli officials disclosed plans to demolish at least another 15 Palestinian homes in the city of Al-Khalil (Hebron). According to the officials, the houses, which are located in the historic old city of Al-Khalil, are to be destroyed in order to create a "secure passage" for Israeli settlers going to pray at the Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi in the city.

Furthermore, in line with the perpetual historic lies regarding the existence of Palestinian inhabitants of Palestinian cities, towns and villages, the Israeli officials have claimed that the houses are empty, when, in fact, they are home to 30 Palestinian families. These families are now confronted with the horrifying plan for the destruction of their homes as well as the upheaval of their lives, including forced displacement. This planned illegal measure by the occupying Power represents not only an act of collective punishment, in contravention of the Fourth Geneva Convention, but is a part of larger Israeli aims for the judaization of the city. Moreover, the implementation of such a plan would entail the confiscation of even more Palestinian land and effectively means the expansion of Israel's illegal settlement network, itself a grave violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention and in total rejection of the firm position of the international community in this regard.

At the same time, Israel has continued to commit war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people under its occupation while it relentlessly pursues its military campaign throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In all areas, this incessant campaign of killing and destruction and collective punishment has had a devastating impact on the socio-economic conditions of the Palestinian people, resulting in a dire humanitarian situation. The Palestinian people, including children, women and the elderly, continue to suffer daily as a result of the illegal policies and practices being carried out by the Israeli occupying forces. Indeed, Palestinians continue to be killed almost

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daily, extrajudicial killings continue to be carried out, Palestinians continue to be abducted and detained, severe restrictions on movement and curfews continue to be imposed and the destruction of public and private property, including homes, continues unabated.

Today, an Israeli soldier, indiscriminately shooting, killed a 95-year-old Palestinian woman, Fatima Hassan, who was taking a taxi home from a visit to a medical clinic in Ramallah. Yesterday, in the city of Jenin, Israeli occupying forces shot and killed a Palestinian boy, Mo'taz Kamal Odeh Astieh, aged 17, when they opened fire on a marketplace crowded with Palestinians shopping for food in anticipation of the upcoming holiday, Eid al-Fitr, marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan. More than 20 other Palestinians, including several schoolchildren, were also wounded by the occupying forces when they began shooting at the crowds, purportedly to enforce the curfew. In a similar incident in Tulkarem yesterday, Maher Mohammed Ramez Saqallah, aged 19, was killed by the occupying forces and at least 14 other Palestinians were wounded. These tragedies are but two of innumerable incidents in which the occupying forces have used lethal force to impose the collective punishment of curfews on the Palestinian people. Just last week, in the pre-dawn hours of 27 November, in the Askar refugee camp near Nablus, Israeli occupying forces, also claiming to be imposing a curfew, shot and killed Bahaa' Mohammed Selim Al-Natour, a 24-year-old Palestinian, as he walked about the camp, banging a drum to announce the beginning of the Ramadan fast. In yet another incident, a Palestinian man, Attiyah Alyan Yussef Rubaieh, was killed by the occupying forces at a roadblock near the city of Bethlehem. Such excessive and indiscriminate use of force by the occupying army has claimed the lives of countless Palestinian civilians merely attempting to carry out basic life activities under this brutal and oppressive Israeli occupation.

Moreover, the Israeli occupying forces continue to commit extrajudicial executions of Palestinians, targeting persons for assassination by sniper fire, missiles and bombs. Last week, two Palestinian men in the Jenin refugee camp were executed by the occupying forces on 26 November. These war crimes, including the above-mentioned crimes and all the atrocities committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people, must be unequivocally condemned by the international community. Further, serious measures must be taken to bring a halt to such Israeli crimes and violations of international law and international humanitarian law and to bring the perpetrators to justice.

In follow-up to my previous 146 letters to you regarding this ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 25 November 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-

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Wednesday, 27 November 2002

1. Alaa' Ahmed Mahmoud Sabbagh
2. Imad Farouk Mahmoud Al-Nasharti
3. Bahaa' Mohammed Selim Al-Natour
4. Muhanad Ismail Mahdi
5. Attiyah Alyan Yussef Rubaieh

Thursday, 28 November 2002

1. Yussef Mohammed Ragheb Abu Alrab
2. Omar Mohammed Awad Abu Alrab
3. Rafiq Mohammed Mahmoud Taqatqa (died from wounds sustained on 20 November)
4. Abbas Raji Al-Atrash (3 years old)
5. Nahed Yussef Al-Fawaghreh

Friday, 29 November 2002

Salem Mohammed Shahwan

Saturday, 30 November 2002

Hatim Riziq Saleh Al-Ajleh (16 years old)

Sunday, 1 December 2002

1. Mahmoud Saleh Al-Nua'rani
2. Ashour Abdelmalik Salem

Monday, 2 December 2002

1. Mo'taz Kamal Odeh Astieh (17 years old)
2. Maher Mohammed Ramez Saqallah
3. Mahmoud Shildan

Tuesday, 3 December 2002

Fatima Hassan

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